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Icy roads treacherous for plows, too

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The worst ice storm of 2003 hit the Haliburton Highlands early last week. It began Monday evening with ice pellets, which turned overnight to rain and then freezing rain.

In spite of the treacherous driving conditions, no serious injuries were reported as a result of accidents. Did you ever wonder how the people who man the plows and sanders get to work? In the case of the February 3-4 ice storm, Minden Hills Roads

Superintendent Kevin Hill says that when his men reported for work at their usual time of 5:30 a.m. on February 4, it was still raining and not freezing, so the roads weren't as slippery as they became as the temperature dropped. "The first thing in the morning

it was still mild," he said. "Most of the guys have four wheel drives anyway, and most of them live on main highways." Later in the morning, as the temperature dropped, the road conditions deteriorated. "From

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If you think it was hard to drive on the icy, but sanded, roads last Tuesday, imagine how difficult it was for the drivers of the plows and sanders. This Minden Hills truck was totalled after it slid down Duncan's Road and into the ditch. Dysart et al and Highlands East also lost plows to the slippery conditions.

Earl Manners wants to teach Tories a lesson

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Earl Manners may be new to the riding, but as the man who wants to represent the people of Haliburton-Victoria-Brock as the new NDP candidate, he's already known to most voters. On television screens, in newspaper articles and in radio reports, Manners has been the

outspoken voice of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation since 1995. And the Tory government's education reforms have given him a lot to talk about. But rather than put his name in for another two-year term as president at the OSSTF convention in March, Manners is branching into a new area of politics.

He's the first candidate to come forward with his desire to win the riding for the NDP in the next provincial election. "I live in Lindsay now and this is a good way go participate in the community," the 48-year-old says. "Given all my experience in provincial politics at Queen's Park, I thought it was a good time to continue my public service."

Manners and his partner, Val Pethick, bought a house in Lindsay in July. Pethick grew up in Woodville, where her father was involved in municipal politics, and has lived in the riding all of her life. She is a teacher on leave. (She and Manners have a 10-week-old daughter.) Pethick and Manners wanted to raise their daughter in a small

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Love endures for Minden couple
Seventy years ago, Laura and Dick Kirkwood met while skating. We celebrate their long life together in honour of Valentine's Day. See page 3



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Surrounded by the students in Cathy Adams and Liz Blomfield's Grade 8 class at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Dave Dollo makes a \$5,000 donation to the food programs at the school. He's joined by representatives from the partners Family Services' Fay Martin, volunteer Patti Lou Robinson, dietitian Rosie Kadwell and Food for Life's Karen Phipps which make the breakfast club and new snack program possible - Food for Kids, the health unit and Family Services of Haliburton County.

Students dig into new snack program

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

Maybe if they had known what they were eating, the Grade 8 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School wouldn't have quickly devoured the snack which was delivered to their classroom last week.

After all, what self-respecting teenager would eat something that was healthy? A half-a-wrap filled with hummus, salsa, cheese and lettuce? If Mom had told them that's what they were having for lunch, chances are they'd say thanks, but no thanks.

Give them a healthy snack at school, however, where all their friends are eating the same thing, and these students will give hummus a try.

And you know what? Chances are they'll really like it and start asking for it

at home.

"School is a safe environment for them," says local dietitian Rosie Kadwell, who was at the school last week to help inaugurate the new snack program for Grades 6, 7 and 8 students. "They say 'My friends are eating it, so it's okay.' If their parents said 'Try this,' they wouldn't."

"They're so reluctant to try something different," agrees Principal Rosie Kadwell.

Another problem with kids this age is that some of them will be tempted to go without a snack, or even lunch, because of their concern over body image. By delivering the food to the classroom, it's easier to make sure kids aren't foregoing a healthy diet in an unrealistic quest to be super-skinny.

The new snack program was made possible by a donation from Dave Dollo of

Dollo's IGA. His store has committed \$5,000 a year for three years.

The money is used to buy ingredients for two programs. One is the popular breakfast club, which feeds about 130 kids from all age groups on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The snack program targets all students in Grade 6, 7 and 8, and the food comes to them.

"As kids get older, they're not going to the breakfast club," says Karen Phipps, co-ordinator of the county-wide Food for Kids program.

Kenney says "[The older kids] tend to be more in control of what they eat and make bad choices, including not eating because of body image. Kids have to see a reason for keeping these good habits."

Dave Dollo says he's happy to support both programs at ASES.

"We want to be involved in our commu-

nity and provide something that may not be there for everyone."

At the store, he says, people are buying more fruits and vegetables but they're also looking for convenience. With both parents working, there's not the time to spend an hour or two cooking dinner. Yet as much as parents are looking for a fast way out of the kitchen, they still want the prepared foods they buy at Dollo's to be healthy.

To help parents, Food for Kids is publishing a recipe book filled with quick and healthy ideas. A booklet will be given to each child at the school. Parents should watch for it in early March.

Meanwhile, Food for Kids would love to have more volunteers to help with the two programs at ASES.

If you have a couple of hours to spare each week, please call Karen Phipps at 457-1311.

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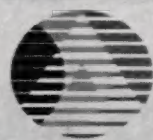
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Romance made in Minden

Laura and Dick Kirkwood met on a skating rink. Seventy years later they are still gliding into each other's hearts

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

IT ALL STARTED on a make-shift skating rink at the Minden town hall in the early 1930s.

Laura Shafe and a group of her friends decided to go ice skating one wintery day.

"The ice rink was the old-fashioned type," she said from her living room in Minden last week. "It was just a few boards and we had to shovel off all the snow before we could skate."

The local minister, who Laura says was very good to the children in town, used to light a fire at the shack near the rink to provide warmth for the youngsters when they were changing into their skates.

On this particular day, once the snow was cleared off the ice, Laura and her friends spent some time skating around the rink together, when out of the blue a young and attractive gentleman by the name of Richard Kirkwood (Dick to his friends) skated over to Laura. The exact details of the conversation aren't clear anymore, Laura says, but she remembers this youthful stranger asking if he could walk her home.

"He just skated over and asked me if he could walk me home...so we did," she says rather nonchalantly.

Seventy years later, the pair is still walking home together.

Memories of life back in the early 1930s when Dick and Laura first started spending time with one other are fading for the now 95-year-old Dick and his 90-year-old wife. But Cupid certainly hit the target when the long-time Minden couple first met that fateful night in town. They were still skating into their seventies, Laura says, but have had to hang up their skates in recent years.

"We'd still be skating now, but we're a little older," she says. "We have been lucky."

Lucky because they are still physically and mentally strong. Lucky because the couple has been able to spend a lifetime by each other's sides. Lucky because they have grown together - through good times and bad - and are still smiling after all these years.

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"He just skated over and asked me if he could walk me home...so we did," Laura Kirkwood says of the first time she met her husband Dick. Courting was difficult during the Depression, when she was a teacher across from Bethel Church and he worked on Hwy. 35, so they were glad when they married, below, in October of 1934.

What Laura classifies as luck might be considered true love and dedication by another person's standards. For the Kirkwoods, their long-lasting marriage has always been built on one major foundation - never arguing.

"We have disagreements, but we always talked things through," she says.

As Laura discusses their knack for communicating, Dick sits close by and nods his head in agreement. After a moment of silence he quickly glances over at Laura and with a short giggle says, "I have also learned to keep my mouth shut."

Laura also says that she and Dick come from a different generation. She says that the values of people today are different than when she and Dick were growing up.

"The number of people who are divorced nowadays... it was never heard of when we were young," she says.

That day on the ice rink, fate or not, wasn't exactly love at first sight.

"It was interest at first sight," Laura says.

"We just seemed to mold together," Dick says.

In other words, their two, once separate lives, seemed to be more interconnected as they got to know one another.

The Kirkwoods attended the same church in town and both were very hard workers. Laura, at the time, was the school teacher at the Bethel School and Dick, who calls himself a jack-of-all-trades, did various jobs in town from construction on Highway 35, to a long career at the power plant. He was born on Mountain Lake, but

moved to Minden with his family in the early 1900s. Laura was born in Little Britain, just outside of Lindsay, and came to the area to teach.

"When you were working ten hours a day, there wasn't much courting going on," Dick says.

Times were challenging right after the

Depression.

"We survived along with everyone else," Laura says.

Back in those days, Dick says he was paid around \$30 a month, excluding the money he had to pay for room and board, when he was working as the timekeeper on the Highway 35 construction project. Basically he kept time of all the workers to ensure everyone was paid accurately.

Laura worked days at the school, located across the street from the Bethel Church. (It's now a house.) She boarded with families close to the school. Since the couple wasn't living close to one other, and transportation was not as simple as it is today, it was difficult for them to spend time together - unless they were skating.

After walking Laura home that wintry day, the pair met off and on for the next few years.

Then, on October 3, 1934, Laura and Dick got married.

If that sounds confusing, neither Laura nor Dick can remember it happening any other way.

In fact, Laura can't even remember when or where Dick proposed - or even if he did.

"I don't know who decided when we were going to get married," Laura giggles while looking over at Dick with a firm eye. "He never really asked me."

"Come to think of it," Laura adds after a moment's pause, "he still hasn't asked me."



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Winter's been tough on township road crews

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about 10:30 to noon it was the slickest I've ever seen it," Hill said.

Minden Hills has some steep hills, which pose some special problems for road maintenance crews. The roads superintendent said going up the hills is less of a concern than coming down. When a sander is going up a hill, he explained, if it runs into trouble, at least the road is sanded behind the truck. On the steep downhill grades, the front (steering) wheels are on unsanded ice, which can be an unnerving situation for the truck driver.

"The hills weren't a problem this time," Hill said. "It was about 12:30 [p.m.], the last road of the day that caused the biggest problem."

That problem area was Duncan's Road, off County Road 121 near Blairhampton, Hill explained. One of the operators was sanding the road when

his truck slid on the ice on a corner and with the dump box up, the incline caused the box to tip over, twisting the truck's frame.

"The main thing is that the operator wasn't injured," Hill said.

The truck, on the other hand, didn't fare well in the incident. As luck would have it, the truck was the oldest in the Minden Hills fleet and was scheduled for replacement within the next year.

"We came out of it a lot better than some," Hill said. He noted that Dysart and Highlands East lost newer trucks on the same day and he said he heard he City of Kawartha Lakes lost a nearly new truck because of the icy conditions.

Hill commended the motoring public for having the good sense to avoid driving if it wasn't absolutely necessary.

"A lot of people are smartening up and staying home [in

Daren Lum/TIMES



With so much ice on the road, there was nothing to stop this Minden Hills plow from sliding down Duncan's Road into a ditch. The accident ended the truck's plowing career.

such inclement weather]," he said. "It gives us respite to get things cleared up." He added that it is much easier for roads crews to get their work done when they don't have to contend with large volumes of traffic during the normal morning rush hour.

While the 10 men on his crew sanded the nearly 300 kilome-

tres of roads and streets in Minden Hills, the roads superintendent was patrolling, cutting downed trees from roadways, making trenches to divert water off roads in problem areas and co-ordinating the clean-up.

"It's been a tough winter," Hill said. "Everybody is running low on sand." He said the El Niño

that was expected didn't have the warming effect that a lot of forecasters were predicting.

Hill said he is proud of the job his 10-man crew does. "The guys do a fabulous job," he said. "They are always out in the worst conditions. The public should be thankful they are out there."

Minden drenched by 29 mm of rain and freezing rain

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

The ice storm of February 3 and 4 had roads and Hydro crews scrambling to keep the roads safe and restore electricity to areas where it was out.

Minden's resident weather man, Phil Graham, kept an eye on the situation as the weather

front unfolded. He said the storm started Monday evening at around 8:45 with ice pellets. The temperature was steady overnight at just under the freezing mark (minus .2° C). "By seven in the



Phil Graham

morning it was plus 1°," Graham said.

Over the next several hours, the county was drenched with rain and freezing rain.

"At 3 a.m. it was raining hard," Graham said. "We had a total of 29 millimetres of rain," he said, adding that that figure included the ice pellets converted to rain. "That's almost an inch and a quarter of rain."

Parts of Minden lost power because of the accumulation of ice. Graham said he was up at 5 a.m. and he heard the fuse blow at a nearby transformer.

Later Tuesday morning, the temperature dropped, causing everything to freeze, making driving and walking treacherous.

But in spite of the bad conditions, the Ontario Provincial Police had very few accidents to

investigate.

Constable Mark McMaster, the Haliburton Highlands detachment's public relations officer, said there were no injuries to report.

"We didn't even have that many accidents," he said. "I guess everybody was extra careful or they stayed home."

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Program puts education to work

HHSS student
Adam Tomlinson learns
his trade as an apprentice
with Minden Electric

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times staff

Steve Stewart jokes that he took on Adam Tomlinson as an apprentice because at 6'7", Adam is the only guy on his staff at Minden Electric who can work in houses with eight-foot ceilings without a ladder.

Tomlinson completed a co-operative education placement last month with Stewart and then signed a contract to be part of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program. Shariffa Kassam from the Ministry of Training and Colleges explained that under OYAP, he will be credited 500 hours towards completing the 8,500 hours of his apprenticeship for the time he spent in co-op.

Kassam says apprenticing to be an electrician is one of the toughest trades. She explained there used to be so many restrictions and liabilities attached a young apprentice could not do anything on the job. Now the rules have changed as the demand for these skilled labourers has jumped, making it easier to become an apprentice.

Stewart says his business is doing really well and he wanted to hire another electrician but came to realize how scarce they are. Having Tomlinson start as a co-op student was an ideal situation for both of them because it gave Tomlinson a chance to see how much he liked the business and Stewart a chance to see how well he liked Tomlinson before either signed a contract with OYAP.

Tomlinson says when he graduated from Grade 12 last year he did not know what he wanted to do for a career and had not been able to decide on post secondary education. He decided to come back for another year at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in order to take co-operative education.

"I felt co-op was the best way to do it (figure out what his career path would be). I learn better with my hands," says Tomlinson.

He explained he did not really know anything about being an electrician but knew Stewart's family so decided to give it a try and found "the not too dirty" aspect of the work to his liking more than something like auto-mechanics. He is really excited about the opportunity OYAP is giving him of being able to do paid work while learning his trade.

"I wouldn't even be able to tell you what else I would do if I didn't have this," says Tomlinson.

The timing according to Kassam has never been better. Not only are the regulations more flexible, the demand high but the pay is better too. Apprentices used to earn a percentage of a licensed professional wage which in a small operation could be really low but now they are guaranteed at least minimum wage.

Ahead of Tomlinson is three periods of formal college training broken up into one eight-week and two ten-week chunks over the period of the next four years while he completes the mandatory number of on the job hours of



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The big guy in the middle, Adam Tomlinson, recently signed a contract to become part of the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program and received some money for tools from the Haliburton County Development Corporation, with him from the left, Wanda Mole, co-op teacher, Andy Campbell HCDC general manager, Mrs. Tomlinson mother, Carla and Steve Stewart his mentor from Minden Electric, Shariffa Kassam from the Ministry of Training and Colleges and Trevor Babbs from HCDC.

training. He can choose what college to go to which he gives him flexibility to take courses when it is not a peak busy time when his employer needs him.

Tomlinson is also excited about the program because it will allow him to spend the majority of his training in Haliburton County where he plans to stay. Andy Campbell, Haliburton County Development Corporation general manager, says the goal of HCDC is to create local employment opportunities so supporting apprentices like Tomlinson is one way to do that. He presented Tomlinson with a \$300 cheque to help him buy tools to get started and gave Stewart \$200 to help defray the cost of hiring an apprentice.

Campbell explained the money is part of a \$5,000 commitment HCDC has given the high school for the last two years. The corporation is currently in their budgeting process but he says he hopes the commitment will continue because it is a valuable way of encouraging youth to stay in the community.

Wanda Mole, HHSS co-operative education teacher, says Tomlinson is the fourth apprentice they have signed this year and she is really excited about how the OYAP program is opening doors into a variety of fields such as cooking, hair dressing, child and youth working and of course the electrician's domain.

There is a growing interest in the apprenticeship program beyond the walls of HHSS as well.

Diane Moldaver is the director of training services, including the apprenticeship program at Sir Sandford Fleming College. She says four years ago the college had one class of 12 students in the apprenticeship program and now they have 80 students and there is a waiting list.

The college will be continuing to expand their program by offering welding next year as part of apprenticeship training.

Els Buchanan, Passport to Prosperity program coordinator, explains the goal of the program is to increase employer awareness about how to get students from high schools into their doors as employees. The program falls under the umbrella of the Kawartha Lakes, Northumberland and Haliburton Workplace Development Training Board.

She says her goal is to get employers involved ideally by motivating them to take on apprentices or co-operative education students. Her next move is to try and talk them into talking to a class or attending a career fair.

"We look at training issues and requirements. In Haliburton, we've looked at some issues like the needs for the travel and tourism industry. There isn't enough students taking an interest in that area," says Buchanan. "Parents are a big stumbling block. They'd rather see their kids in university or college than in an apprenticeship. Educators too are still steering all kids to college and university and not all kids can or should go."

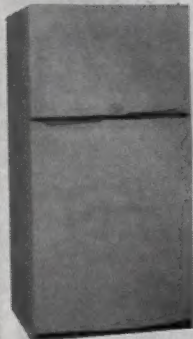
Buchanan says the Trillium Lakelands District School Board has created a multi-media presentation called Trading Up that shows younger kids how valuable a career in the trades can be. She has found once teenagers learn about the good money and job opportunities in the trades they become a lot more interested.

Buchanan says it is her goal to make taking on apprentices and school to work initiatives more appealing to employers too by creating employer awards and working with chambers of commerce.

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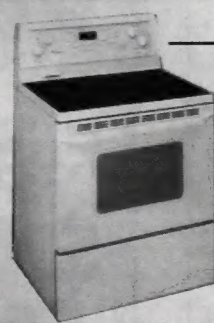


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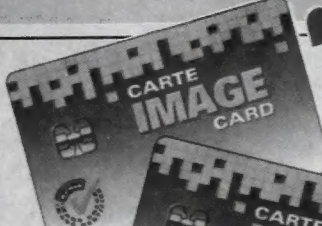
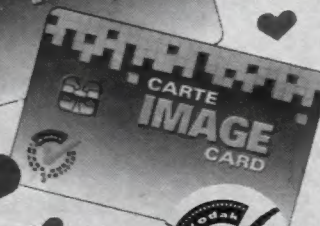



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Airport hopes flight school will get off the ground

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the February 6 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

A flight school could be moving into the Haliburton/Stanhope Airport as early as this summer.

Council received a letter from Fred Gindl, owner of 1st Class Flight Training in Magnetawan, last week seeking support in principle from council to offer flight training, scenic tours, charter services and aircraft maintenance from the airport in Stanhope.

Airport Manager John Packer, who has raised the issue with council on previous occasions, said the airport has been approached by many independent businesses, but to date, Gindl has been the only person to follow through with a proposal.

Council agreed to support the establishment of the flight school at the airport in principle, but the draft proposal has to be reviewed by a solicitor before any final decisions are made, Harrison said.

"It will provide a service to the community," Packer said.

In the draft proposal, the flight training will be located in the basement of the terminal building and will provide operating certificate and insurance policy.

Cherokee Resort wants severance

Councillors are waiting for some legal advice and a

review by the township's planner before making a final decision about a proposed development at the Cherokee Resort at Halls Lake.

The seasonal development plan, still in the early stages, would see the property divided into seven small lots.

Questions at the table included what was considered a planned subdivision and if the size of the proposed lots fit with the townships policy on lot sizes.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison wanted to contact the Halls Lake Cottage Association, and keep them abreast of the possible development.

"If this is out in the public early than we can not be accused of hiding," she says. "We could get their opinion up front."

Dorset Recreational Centre goes soft

After complaints of taps scaling up with hard water residue, the Dorset Recreational Centre is going to get soft water running through the taps.

"The reason to do this is because the well water is too hard," Harrison said.

The new water system will cost the township \$2,728.

Harrison asked Public Works Superintendent Brian Whetstone if there will be one or more taps that will still run with hard water for drinking water.

"From personal experience there is nothing worse than drinking soft water," she says.

Whetstone wasn't sure if there would be taps that would still have the hard water running through them, but he said he would look into it.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Algonquin Highlands

It takes a village to raise a child

A new survey by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit suggests people believe community plays a larger factor than genetics and health care in the development and health of a child.

An information meeting set for February 11 at 7 p.m., in the Health Unit's Haliburton office (Dawson Gray building on the main street) is open to local residents who want to find out more about what they can do to support families with young children in their communities.

Information will be presented regarding the survey. More than 200 parents and family service providers in the area were surveyed on what they thought was needed in the community to help children grow up healthy. Answers confirm what on-going research suggests - the environment where families and children live, learn, grow and play affects their health and development as much, or more, than genetics and health care.

Mary Lou Mills, HKPR Health Unit spokesperson, says the results run counter to the popular view that children - at least until school age - are the sole responsibility of parents.

"Parents play the major role in raising their children,

but just as critical is having a caring community that offers the support and resources to help parents do the best job they can parenting," says Mills, an HKPR family health nurse.

The survey was conducted to assist in planning new initiatives that promote healthy child development and reduce the rates of family abuse in the area.

Mills says parents who try their best to parent are still affected by circumstances beyond their control. She points to several factors cited in the survey, including poverty, lack of affordable housing, inadequate quality of child care, poor coping skills, isolation and stressful workplaces. Many of these things, Mills says, put undue pressure on the family and can lead to less-than-ideal child development and sometimes family violence.

The Department of Justice Canada estimates 136,000 child maltreatment investigations took place in Canada in 1998 - a rate of nearly 22 cases for every 1,000 children.

If children grow up in an environment that supports healthy development and is free from abuse, they are more likely to fulfill their potential as an adult.

For more information contact Mills at 705 324-3569 ext. 304.

MOE invited to discuss options for septage lagoon

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Algonquin Highlands councillors hope a meeting with the Ministry of the Environment will get the development of a winter storage septage lagoon back on track.

The lagoon controversy got off to a rocky start late last year after residents near the Pine Springs landfill, where council wants to put the lagoon, forcefully voiced their objections at a public meeting.

About 70 people attended the meeting with concerns and questions about the lagoon proposal, many asking that council search for any alternative to the lagoon development.

As a result, Thomas Grace of Grace & Associates, the geological and environmental consulting company hired by the township for the septage lagoon development, investigated two alternative solutions. One was establishing a transfer station, and then hauling the septage to another location; the other was treating the sewage at an existing plant at the Leslie M. Frost Centre.

"However, in both instances, it was considered 'not feasible' to pursue these options due to the reluctance of the receiver to enter into or negotiate a contract," Grace said in a recent letter to council.

Since the two alternatives were not possible, Grace recently recommended that council meet with the MOE to discuss acceptable treatment and disposal options. Grace also recommended that the township prepare a draft conceptual design based on the annual volume of hauled sewage in order to provide the MOE with the information.

Grace's main concern was a position paper that the MOE recently presented on the treatment and spreading of septage. In the letter to council, Grace said that the MOE is recommending that all land application of untreated sewage be banned. This ban would affect any future septage lagoon being considered by council, if spreading of the septage in the spring was part of the equation.

"As such, it has become imperative that the municipality consider a treatment facility that not only addresses the winter storage of hauled sewage, but also the summer spreading of untreated hauled sewage," Grace wrote.

The new regulations will affect anyone with a private sewage disposal system, Grace said. It's no longer just a concern for those individuals who rely on holding tanks.

"All residents in the municipality will be affected by this new MOE regulation, and should endeavour to work co-operatively to find a timely and cost-effective solution," he said.

Councillor Tom Gardner said that the township has to go somewhere with the septage lagoon development.

"This meeting with the MOE sounds like the solution to go with for now. We've got to keep moving forward," Gardner said.

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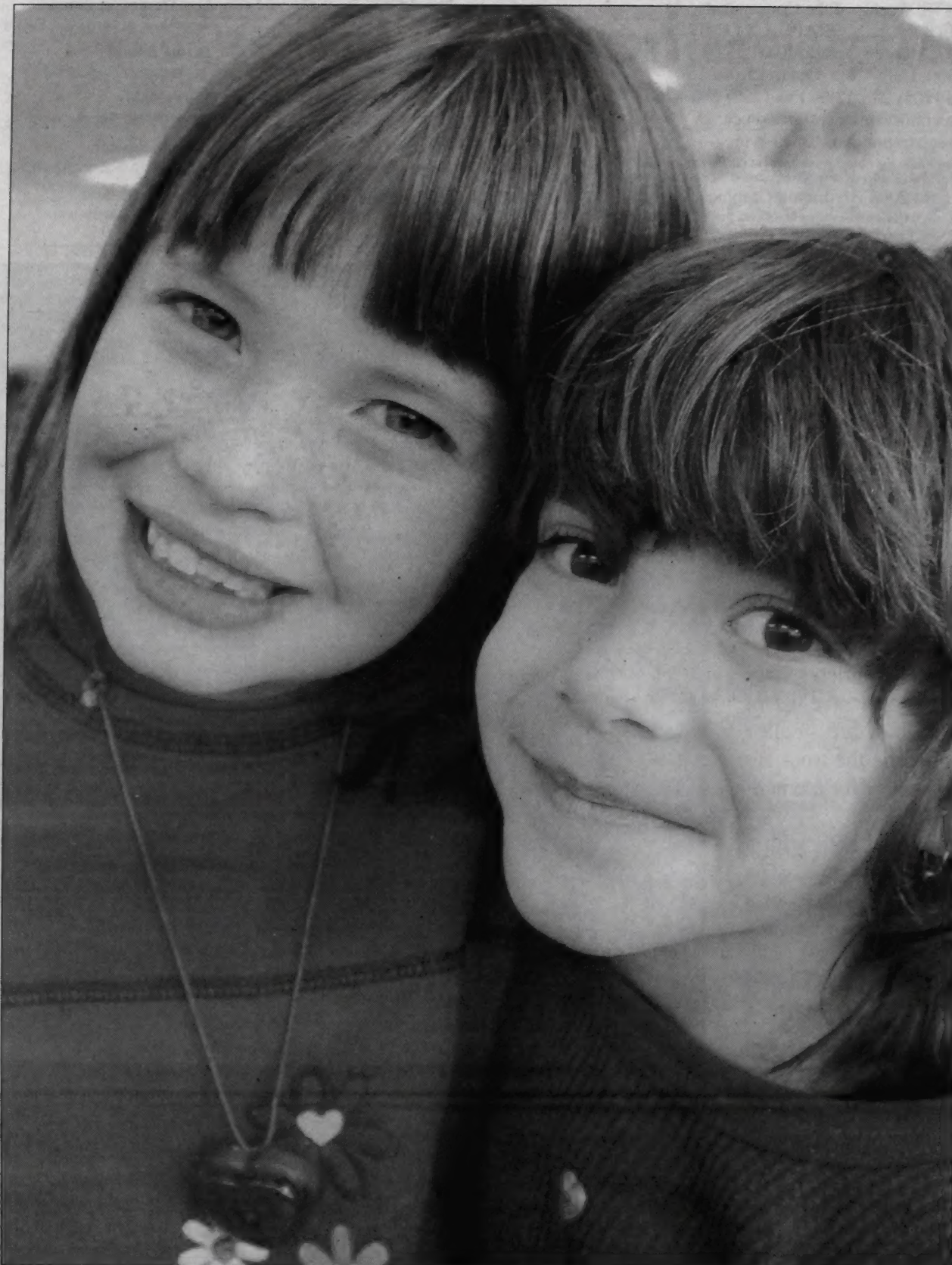
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Here are two students looking for host families.

Barbara, is a 15-year-old student from France who enjoys the outdoors, animals, horseback riding and mountain biking. She adds: "I like nature very much, flowers, animals, music and dance, but my brothers aren't interested in these things. Instead they prefer to play on the computer".

Barbara also plays the accordion and likes spending time with her brothers. "I chose to come to Canada because personally I think it's the most beautiful country in the world, and as I love nature, it's the ideal country."

Alexander is 16 years old and lives in Germany. He likes skiing, archery, and scuba diving. "On the whole, you can say that I like winter sports very much. Weather permitting I play hockey with my father and my friends."

Alexander wishes to use this experience as a learning opportunity to become fluent in English and to learn about a new culture. He adds, "It's important for me to learn about the Canadian way of life."

Founded by the Swedish National Department of Education, ASSE cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education.

For information on how you can qualify to become a volunteer host family call toll free 1-800-361-3214.

Be my Valentine

This Friday is a day to share thoughts of love and friendship. Laura Taylor and Sydney Jewett, two Grade 1 students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, will undoubtedly be giving each other a card which says the immortal words of February 14: "Be my Valentine."



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Individuals interested in this voluntary service role are invited to request further information by writing or telephoning:

The Nominating Committee
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Ross Memorial Hospital
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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Partnerships

Partnership is a buzz word favoured by governments of all levels to describe co-operative efforts between two or more organizations or groups. An example of a partnership that is living up to the highest expectations is a local one involving Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association.

Through the co-operation of these three groups, much has been accomplished over the past few years. High school students have done a tremendous amount of work on several projects and everybody benefits.

The Haliburton Lake Trout Project is a good example. Students help HHOA volunteers and MNR personnel with the collection of eggs in October, they fin clip the fish in the early spring before they are stocked and assist with the stocking of the trout in local lakes. While the trout are in the hatchery, HHSS students assist with tours of the facility for elementary school children.

The partnership allows the MNR to gather information and help with a project that the ministry doesn't have the personnel to do on its own. The students, in the process, gain knowledge that couldn't be absorbed in a classroom setting. This project is proof that it is easier to learn when the assignment is enjoyable.

The HHOA also benefits from the experience, working side by side with the younger generation. Some of these young people will be the HHOA directors and volunteers of the future. The two generations learn from, and have a mutual respect for, each other.

The Haliburton Lake Trout Project is one of many three-way partnerships that benefit not only the partners, but the community and the wildlife of Haliburton County.

In the line of duty

The ice storm of a week ago should serve to remind us of the infrastructure in place to help keep us as safe as possible when the weather turns ugly. For those who can't justify staying home when the weather is really not fit for travelling, we can feel secure in the fact that we won't be alone on the roads. If we run into trouble we can take comfort in the knowledge that there are emergency personnel and road crews already on the roads or standing by in case we need them.

Even in the worst weather situations, police officers are on patrol, ready to answer the call for help. Ambulance personnel are always a telephone call away in the event of an accident or illness, both of which seem more likely to occur as weather conditions deteriorate.

Our local fire departments provide first response emergency services as well as fighting fires.

And let's not forget the municipal, county and provincial roads crews, who do their best to make the roads as safe as they can in the worst of weather conditions. We have to agree with Minden Hills Roads Superintendent Kevin Hill when he said, "The public should be thankful they are out there."

All of those services require personnel to risk their own safety at times when we are most likely to need them.

On behalf of all of us who often take these people for granted, thanks for your dedication to your jobs. Even though you will seldom hear it, your efforts are appreciated.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

After the storm

Photo by DARREN LUM/Times

TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Inaccuracies clarified

To the Editor:

I had the opportunity to read Ken Brown's letter to the editor in response to the December 9 editorial attacking the Federal Government's Gun Registration Program. The letter was especially interesting to me because of the fact that I have lived in Haliburton County, Kingston and Virginia. Ken obviously put a lot of thought and passion into his letter, and I respect his opinion. I especially agree with the need to preserve the tradition of hunting in Canada and Ken's note that the avid hunters in Virginia (of which I am one) are not the problem.

I would, however, like to counter some of the statements in Ken's letter. He noted that, "They [gun dealers] can sell handguns, machine guns and rifles without registration out of the trunk of their cars to anyone including felons, bank robbers or kids just so long as they have the money." This is not an accurate statement. Gun buyers must fill out two forms (state and federal) for each firearm that they desire to purchase. These forms require the potential buyer to answer questions regarding the firearm they wish to purchase, their address, their citizenship or immigration status, their mental health, their criminal record, etc. These forms

must be held by the dealer and provided to both state and federal authorities, where they are held for a specified period of time. There is also a real-time check with the police on the buyer's criminal record and recent behavior. This check is done before the buyer can take possession of the firearm. Felons (including bank robbers) are not allowed to purchase or possess a firearm. Kids are also not allowed to purchase a firearm. If this sounds familiar, it is because the process is very similar to the one that Canadians must go through to get their Possession and Acquisition license (PAL). The major difference, however, is that American gun buyers must go through this process for each firearm they wish to purchase, and non-dealers can only purchase a firearm in their state of residence (thus, the high number of "dealers").

"Machine guns" need a special "Class 3" permit, for which a highly specialized application process must be followed for purchase and ownership. There are very few class 3 dealers because it is so expensive - up to \$500 in tax and a 90-day waiting period for civilians for each class 3 firearm.

Are firearms sold out of trunks in Virginia to felons, bank robbers and chil-

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Columnists and Letters to the Editor

Valentine's Day: one man's plea

A few years ago, there was a popular book that theorized men are from Mars and women are from Venus. Personally, I think we were given the intergalactic benefit of the doubt. And, at no time is this more evident than when we orbit around Valentine's Day.

It seems to me that women place V-Day right up there with the hallowed events such as Walleye Opener or the Sucker Run. For many of us, the biggest Valentine's challenge is forgiving this.

Women and greeting card companies would have you believe that this day provides an opportunity to tell that special someone how you really feel.

Don't fall for that one though. Once, I told her I really felt like going ice fishing, and there was nothing but trouble.

As a man, I don't get it - especially in the week or so following Valentine's

Day. I mean, why must we limit open and honest communication and loving feelings to just one day of the year? I think I should be able to tell her I want to go fishing every day.

But since about 1850, women have

been using Valentine's as an opportunity to inflict romance and tender feelings on unsuspecting spouses. And not once have they ever asked us how we feel about this.

Instead, they'll use feminine guile and every weapon at their disposal to make us participate in romantic gestures, pledges of devotion, and other things you'd rather not tell your buddies about. Even sexy lingerie is sometimes used to this end, although it's rare when I can get anything to fit

properly around my shoulders. Of course, this doesn't make the ordeal any less humiliating.

A woman believes that February 14th is the one day when she can whisper sweet nothings and stare dreamily into her partner's eyes. A man believes it's the one day when he must try not to look guilty as she's doing so.

Perhaps, this is because somewhere in our psyches, we realize that candle light was once used by interrogators too.

On Valentine's Day a woman will do extraordinarily cruel things like ask a man what he's thinking. In fairness, a man will do even crueler things like answering truthfully. In the end, no one really wins. Then again what do you expect from a holiday that was named after a famous massacre?

Admittedly, there are some romantics among us. These are the kind of guys who buy long-stemmed roses on a whim, act considerably without being told to, and write poetry inside of a mushy card.

They'll commonly utter phrases like "happily married," and "I'm not interested in fishing." In the old days asylums were filled with people like this. Now, we live in a more enlightened society, so we just give them wedgies while

muttering condolences.

Having said that, I'll admit that I know a little about romance myself. I once wrote poetry inside of a mushy card. True, it wouldn't have been half as mushy if I hadn't spilled beer on it. In fact, it was so bad I had to buy another one. On the other hand, the card was quite serviceable.

But, despite that minor set back, I learned a valuable lesson that day.

Never again will I relay Valentine's wishes by waxing poetic about a man from Nantucket. For some reason, women don't appreciate the classics.

Since then, I've learned to play it safe. Whenever Valentine's Day approaches, I line up at the flower shop and buy a dozen roses and a card. I then sign my name beside a couple of X's and O's. Then when I get home I wish her a happy Valentine's Day, pour her a glass of wine, and tell her how I really feel.

One friend of mine who does this swears he gets lucky every year. The strange thing is, he doesn't even like fishing.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Hooray for duct tape – warts and all

I have a confession to make: I'm one of those guys who carries a Swiss Army knife on his belt.

You know the Swiss Army knife – a collection of not-quite-ready-for-prime-time mini-tools, all ingeniously welded on to a penknife. You get a bottle opener and a can opener, a nail file, a pair of tweezers, three or four screwdriver bits – and, oh yes, one or two knife blades.

That's on the classic model. If you want to go ultra-nerdy you can get the deluxe baby. It has pliers, a fish-scaler, a compass, a ballpoint pen, two different saw blades and a toothpick. With top of the line models like that you get a leather carrying case for free.

There's no charge for the hernia, either.

My Swiss Army knife falls in the mid-range. I opted to forgo the more esoteric bells and whistles – although I did insist on a model that has a toothpick – which turned out to be my most-used utensil.

But I've realized of late that I am just wasting my time, lugging around a Swiss Army knife. If I was truly interested in being a certified Handy Guy I would be carrying a roll of duct tape on my belt.

Sure! Good old shiny grey duct tape.

You can fix 'way more things with a roll of over-the-counter duct tape than you can with any Swiss Army knife – or even with a Leatherman (a much sturdier

adaptation of the S.A.K. – although tragically, sans toothpick). The astronauts on Apollo 13 saved their mission and probably their lives with a roll of duct tape. They used it to patch up some leaky carbon dioxide filters.

A multi-billion dollar enterprise rescued by a few cents worth of sticky tape.

I have used duct tape to put a splint on a ski pole, patch a hole in a canoe. I've taped up gaping rents in tarpaulins, jerry-rigged tourniquets on garden hoses and saved myself from public embarrassment and possible arrest by conducting emergency repairs after the back seam of my trousers blew out during a game of pickup basketball in downtown Vancouver.

But any half-assed handyman can bend your ear for an hour on the merits of duct tape – heck, Red Green's up and made a movie about it. What I didn't know – and

I'm sure even Red didn't know – is the amazing medical breakthrough for which we can now thank this humble household helper.

Duct tape gets rid of warts.

Really. Researchers at the Madigan Army Medical Center at Washington State University conducted an experiment in wart removal last year. They treated half

their patients with the conventional wart therapy, which is to say they applied liquid nitrogen to the afflicted area and, in effect 'burned' the

warts away. The other half got to wear a simple strip of duct tape over their warts for six days. At the end of that time they removed the tape, soaked the warts in water and sanded off the rough edges with emery boards. Results: 60 per cent

of the patients treated with liquid nitrogen lost their warts – which is about what the doctors expected. But an astounding 86 per cent of the duct tape wearers found their warts were gone too.

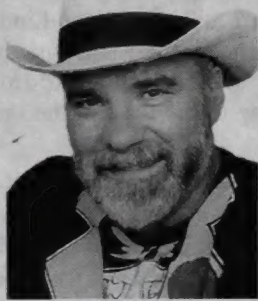
Doctors aren't certain why duct tape works so well, but they theorize that the adhesive irritates the warts, possibly stimulating the immune system to attack the growths.

Best of all, duct tape is cheap – unlike liquid nitrogen. And painless – unlike liquid nitrogen. No doctor's appointment, no sitting in a waiting room twiddling your warty thumbs and reading 1978 issues of Maclean's magazine – just a quick trip to the Home Hardware followed by a little home doctorin'.

I don't personally have any home-grown warts (if you exclude in-laws) but I remember having a couple on my left arm as a kid. I also remember reading about Tom Sawyer and his sure-fire cure for the ailment: rubbing a live toad on the afflicted area.

Not only is it faintly repulsive and highly disrespectful to the toad – it doesn't work.

Now maybe if I'd duct-taped that toad



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Don't make criminals out of little old ladies

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dren? I'm sure they are. However, this would also be true for Kingston, Minden, and any other locality that you would choose to name. The fact is that the firearms sold out of trunks will not be registered, whether required by law or not. Tougher penalties and increased enforcement for breaking firearms laws (such as the "Virginia Exile Program – www.projectexile.com) seem to be a more reasonable and effective approach than having hunters register their hunting

rifles and shotguns. Handguns and "machine guns" have been registered in Ontario for some time, yet the crime with illegal firearms in Toronto continues. If people want to get technical, long guns have been registered in Ontario for some time also – remember the well-worn book at your favorite gun store in which your information and the firearm's information were recorded upon purchase? Wasn't that registration?

I would also not hold Kingston up as a model of a non-violent community. I lived in Kingston for about 5 years, and

in that 5 years, there were numerous violent attacks right outside of my house (one involving the stabbing of a police officer). It just so happens that the choice of weapon in Kingston is the knife, so should we all rush out and register our hunting knives, butcher knives, butter knives, etc? That sounds about as reasonable as making criminals out of a bunch of senior citizen ladies who happen to have a .22 in their closet that belonged to their late husband. But wait, isn't that what just happened on January 1?

I agree that we should be able to pre-

serve the sport of hunting while developing a safe and civilized way of life for all North Americans. I just don't believe that spending \$1,000,000,000 on registering firearms (that are already registered) is the way to do it. More education? Yes. More enforcement of reasonable but strict laws? Yes. Making criminals out of little old ladies? No.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mark Robinson
Sterling, Virginia
Formerly from Haliburton

Manners runs on OSSTF record

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town, hence the move to Lindsay. Asked about his familiarity with the northern half of the riding, he says he knows the Highlands through visiting several friends' cottages.

As well, he used to teach in Flesherton, a small town in Grey County, and that experience, he says, gave him insight into rural life.

Rick Denyer, who carried the NDP banner in the past two federal elections and one provincial election, says he's putting aside his own political aspirations to support Manners.

"It's good to have a high-profile candidate in the area," Denyer said from his home in Lindsay. "He lives in the area and his experience with the teachers' union will be of benefit to this riding."

Denyer has hopes that Manners' name recognition and track record will give the NDP a chance to win the riding. "I think this riding's looking for a change and he's the man to do it. People are starting to listen to the NDP."

Acknowledging that this riding has a strong Conservative history, and that he's new to the area, Manners says "I recognize that it will be an uphill battle but I think the citizens are looking for someone to represent them who is a proven speaker and communicator and who can get things done."

He also takes heart in the fact that this riding has elected an NDP MPP, Dennis Drainville. However, the flip side of Drainville's success is its short duration; Chris Hodgson, who rose to the top ranks of the Tory government, was elected in a by-election after Drainville quit his job as MPP to run federally as an independent partway through his mandate.

"I am running on my own merits," Manners says when asked about Drainville's legacy, both good and bad. "I agree that the history of the riding is conducive to strong, independent candidates who are not afraid to speak out. I think my record speaks for itself."

Asked if he considers Tory hopeful Laurie Scott or Liberal candidate Jason Ward as his strongest opponent, he says "It will be a good three-way race that will lead to a good debate, and citizens will be all the better for it."

But will people vote for an NDP candidate if they believe the NDP will not assume leadership of the government?

"One never knows what will happen," he says. "I don't want to speculate about election results. The people will decide."

"Because I'm familiar with Queen's Park, where I was also familiar with people of all political stripes, I can be an effective representative [no matter who's in power.] I don't think it matters which party wins as long as you have a strong candidate who can get the job done."

Of course, education will be one of his strongest campaign platforms. "Obviously it's a passion of mine and I can be a credible and strong voice..."

"I appreciate small schools and that they should be the centre of a strong community. I'm also arguing that the private school tax credit is wrong-headed and undermines the social fabric of our society. It divides us along lines of religion or economic status. I think there should be no public funding of religious

schools. We should have one, strong public school system."

He adds that "Over time, the positions and concerns I've raised [as OSSTF president] have proven to be correct."

The environment is also a concern, he says, mentioning the landfill in Ops and the proposed asphalt plant near Carnarvon as two battles to be fought.

In healthcare he says "Citizens are looking for stability and certainty in services."

Overall, he says, "I think the citizens, especially in the City of Kawartha Lakes, are tired of the Conservatives imposing their positions on them and not giving them an alternative. With my candidacy, there will be a choice."

In November, Kawartha Lakes residents will vote in a referendum that asks if they want to dismantle the one-tier, city government and revert back to the old system. Asked how he'd vote, Manners says "I'd vote yes - I'm not in favour of the City of Kawartha Lakes but I don't agree that the only alternative is to go back to the old Victoria County. If people reject the old City of Kawartha Lakes, I'd insist local residents have a chance to determine [an alternative structure.]"

As to Hodgson's legacy, Manners refers to Hodgson's "leap to fame" as one of the Tories' first Common Sense Revolution candidates. "I think Chris tried to do the best for the community but some of the ideas of the Common Sense Revolution haven't worked out and have hurt our society."

The nomination meeting is March 2 at 3 p.m. at the Lindsay Legion. Anyone can put their name forward as a candidate right up to the time of the meeting.



Earl Manners

Omeme resident offers another choice for PCs

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Paul Lummiss is seeking the Progressive Conservative nomination to represent Haliburton-Victoria-Brock in the next provincial election.

"I believe you should have a choice," the Omeme resident said.

He said his rival for the nomination, Laurie Scott, is more of a centrist, while "I am a bit more to the right."

Lummiss is no stranger to politics. He served a term on Emily Township council. He also worked on the last three provincial Progressive Conservative election campaigns, which were successful in getting Chris Hodgson elected. He said the riding has been extremely fortunate to have been represented by Hodgson for the past eight years. He thinks it is important to keep in touch with the grassroots, something Hodgson did very well.

"I'm familiar with the local issues," he said.

Lummiss believes there must be a relationship between the different levels of government, from municipal to federal.

Healthcare, he acknowledges, is foremost in most people's minds. He is happy to see the provinces and the federal government working together more co-operatively.

"We need to provide healthcare services in a timely and economical fashion," Lummiss said. "The province is spending almost \$26-billion a year on health care alone."

Another issue which Lummiss said is important is hydro. "We have to get the hydro issue under control," he said. "Ont-

ario will have to be self-sufficient in the production of power."

He said decisions will have to be made how to accomplish hydro self-sufficiency - whether to expand nuclear generating stations or pursue alternatives. He favours using water-powered generation stations as much as possible, by investigating the viability of putting of some of the smaller generating stations which have been closed back into service.

He also thinks Toronto is missing an opportunity by spending millions of dollars transporting its garbage to Michigan when it could open an incinerator and use that garbage to generate electricity. Technology would make thermal electricity generation a viable alternative to nuclear. "We know what it costs to buy hydro from outside sources," he said. "Why not use an incinerator to generate power? It's a doable thing."

Transportation, and specifically roads, are also a priority for Lummiss. He believes a good roads system is very important to the province's economy.

Lummiss said he is very happy with the performance of the provincial Tories. "Ontario has had extremely good government the past eight years," he said. "I want to see it continue."

He is critical of other parties that offer solutions to various issues the province faces. He said the Tories inherited a huge debt from governments that weren't as fiscally responsible as they should have been.

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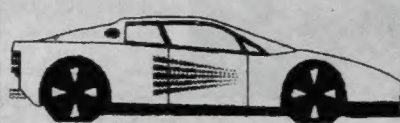
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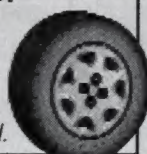
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Jerry Grozelle/TIMES

Thanks, Dave

In recognition of his dedication to bringing a quality educational component to the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery and Education Centre, retiring head of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School science department Dave Mowat, centre, was presented with an artist proof of the Haliburton Gold painting by Curtis Atwater. The painting was presented to Mowat on behalf of the HHOA by President John Ball, left, and Hatchery Manager Kyla Matheson.

County council makes changes to official plan

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

County council is once again refining the wording of its first official plan, hoping to avoid costly hearings at the Ontario Municipal Board.

Council agreed in principle to Dysart's request for "minor changes" in how some policies are stated.

Reeve Murray Fearrey recently told county council that Dysart feared the plan's old wording would have allowed a developer to challenge the county at an OMB hearing.

For instance, the former wording said the county's plan would identify areas of significant importance, such as wetlands and fish habitats. But what if, Fearrey said, a developer found a loophole and argued that the plan doesn't identify or cover the type of land being developed, such as valleys.

Municipal plans are much more specific, Dysart argued, and therefore the phrase "except as identified in local official plans" should be added.

The entire policy would therefore read as follows: "Development and site alterations are not permitted within the habitat of identified endangered and threatened species, areas of naturally significant importance, wetlands and locally identified natural heritage features, except as identified in local plans."

This gives the county's broad brush approach to planning the protection it needs from potential challenges, Dysart says. The county's official plan consultant,

Gary Davidson, agreed to the changes.

Since municipalities are having to update their official plans in conjunction with the county plan, it was felt that municipal consultants must be given the opportunity to review the changes. Township consultants must therefore first approve the changes before the county's plan is sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs for final review and approval.

Other changes include clarification on the following points:

- recognition that while municipal sewage and water services are the "preferred form of servicing for urban settlement areas", full services are not to be expected everywhere in the municipality

- ensuring that additional restrictions are not placed on operational mines other than those required by the province

- and clarification that "the local official plans shall include criteria for the review of severance and a provision that no more than five cumulative new lots may be created through the severance process on any existing conveyable lot."

The changes mean that maps to accompany the official plan must be updated. This will take several weeks.

The new information provided by the comprehensive groundwater survey in Haliburton County must also be incorporated into the plan.

To give cottagers an opportunity to comment on the official plan, county council decided to hold the public meeting during the Victoria Day long weekend in May. A location and time have yet to be determined.

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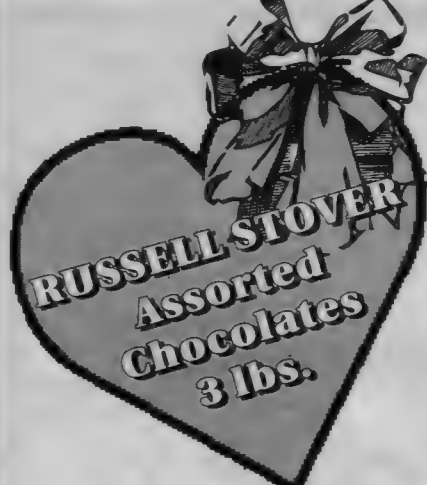
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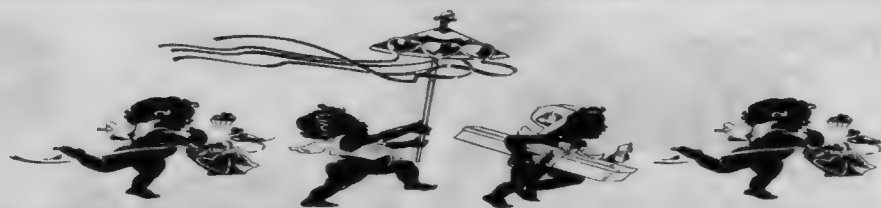
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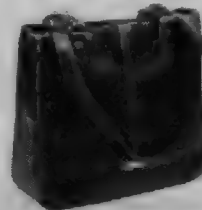
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And we'll never be apart

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I can't wait for what's in store
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All my heart, xx D.D.

J:
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glance,

I love you so much even when you refuse
to dance.

I'll stand by your side through the
roughest of days,
We'll work together and battle through
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We've told each other secrets that never
before shared,
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Soon, we'll live our dreams and
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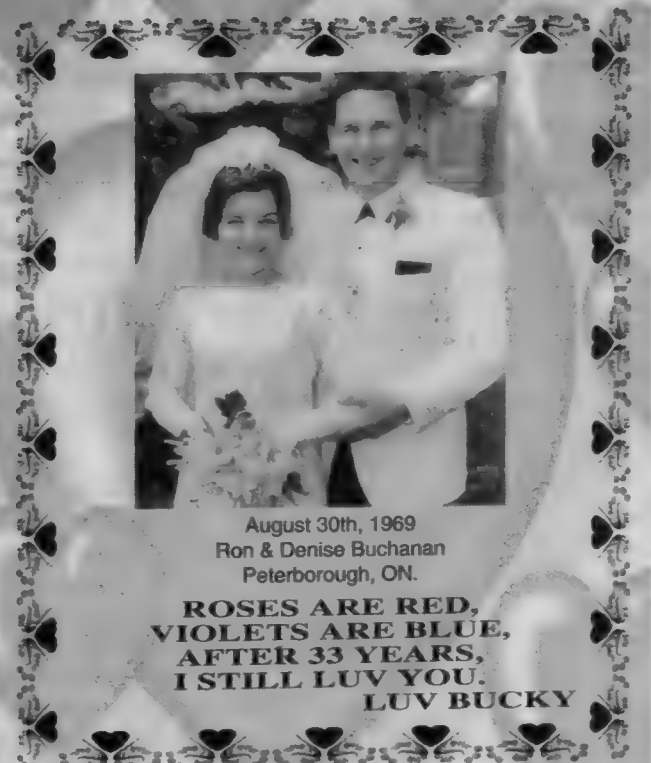
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There is no Valentine
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Love, Barb

Charlotte

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At the fishing shed,
Other days it's so nice
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Minden Meet to Skate attracts talented athletes

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

Droves of figure skaters arrived in Minden last weekend to spin, twist and jump their way into the 16th annual 'Meet to Skate' Invitational competition.

"There was a lot of good skating," said organizer Toni Carr. "We were very pleased with the way things turned out."

More than 100 skaters from 26 clubs in Ontario, as far away as Kirkland Lake, competed in 38 events over the span of the competition.

The annual event is a major fundraising campaign for the Minden Skating Club.

"If we didn't make money, the fees would be double for skaters at the club," Carr said.

Any money raised at the 'meet to skate' competition goes toward offsetting ice and coaching fees for the figure skaters - which are two of the major expenses incurred for those who figure skate, Carr says.

There were nine figure skaters from Minden participating in the competition last weekend, and another two from Haliburton.

Local skaters fared extremely well this year, Carr said, taking home 16 medals in 12 categories.

Carr says she would like to thank local businesses for their support of the skating event. Any volunteers who are interested in participating in next year's event should feel free to contact Carr.

The following are the results for local skaters:

CanSkate: Jean Bailey 3rd, Laura Pottier 4th, Rebecca Northey 5th

Introductory Ladies: Kaitlin Allore 3rd

Introductory Men: Daniel Boisvert 3rd

Introductory Interpretive: Natasha McGann 2nd

Preliminary "B" Flight 1: Kaitlin Allore 6th; Flight 2: Natasha McGann 1st, Stephanie Foster 2nd

Junior Bronze "B": Brittany Hicks 1st

Preliminary "A" Elements Flight 1: Kaitlin Allore 6th; Flight 3: Natasha McGann 2nd

Preliminary "B" Elements: Natasha McGann 3rd

Pre-Preliminary Skating Skills: Kaitlin Allore 2nd; Daniel Boisvert 3rd

Preliminary Skating Skills: Natasha McGann 1st; Sandy Beckford 2nd

Introductory Pairs: Kaitlin Allore and Daniel Boisvert 1st

Intermediate Similar Pairs: Natasha McGann and Brittany Hicks 1st



A competitor, above, lets out a sigh of relief after completing her skate in last weekend's Meet to Skate at the Minden arena. At far left, Natasha McGann performs a spin, competing in the Preliminary B competition. She finished first followed by Stephanie Foster, at left, who finished second. Stephanie is a picture of fluidity as she embodies the theme of her music.

Photos by Darren Lum

Midgets storm through first playoff series

by BILL HUTSON
Special to The Times

The Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm Midget A team had a 2-1 advantage on their series against Schomberg and when the Wings flew to Haliburton last week for game four, the Storm wanted to put this one away to earn a rest prior to the next series. After a close and emotional game in Schomberg the boys knew that the Wings would be tough and strong in Storm territory but home ice was an advantage.

The first few minutes brought no surprise as the Wings came out hard and kept the play in the Storm end. A flat start by the Storm gradually came around and the fans were treated to a great period of end-to-end play and some exciting scoring chances for both teams. The period ended stalled at zero for both teams.

Early in the second period, a Storm penalty put the team in the defensive mode - but not Jeremy Miscio and Joel Cooper, who combined to score one short-handed. Just over two minutes later a mis-played clearing shot by the Wings hit a

player in front of their net and fell in front of Joel Cooper, who made no mistake in putting it behind the Wings' goalkeeper. Before a minute passed the Storm tallied again, with Jesse Johnson jumping on a rebound from a Kevin Walker shot to pull ahead 3-0.

The strangle hold this time was on Schomberg. Two more goals in the second period were still to come. Lance Aggett kept his point streak alive with a shot from the point that put Joel Cooper in position to feed Evan Kernohan for the next goal.

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Lester brothers both suffer knee injuries defending their titles in Barrie race

The Canadian Snowcross Racing Association's (CSRA) Regional Championship Series landed in Barrie last weekend to huge crowds, tons of snow and mild temperatures.

This was a double header weekend featuring both the CSRA and the American Snowcross Racing Association (ASRA) circuits in a combined format.

Minden's Luke Lester, Canada's current CSRA National #1 title holder, started off the weekend in strong form running wire-to-wire in 600 and open class qualifying with a strong first in 600 and a fifth in open.

Steve Charity had worked all and came up with an incredible combination which suited all three team members. As the day's qualifying wore on, temperatures soared to nearly plus 5C making the deep snow heavy and robbing power - particularly in 440 action.

Luke, during a hard-fought 440 qualifier, while running in fourth, made an attempt to clear a dangerous gap jump and came up short. Upon landing he injured his knee which was tender from a last-lap incident the week before in Owen Sound when he won the Georgian Cup Pro Open Final. Luke was sidelined for the rest of the weekend and is having his knee repaired this week.

With a two week lay-off until the next race, Luke is hopeful he'll be ready to return to racing quickly. "Coming into Barrie, I'm leading the CSRA's Regional standings and I want to defend my national title," he said. "You can bet I'll be working hard to get back to racing quickly."

His younger brother, A.J. Lester, the current CSRA Semi-Pro champ, was totally on his game last weekend and proved it by sweeping CSRA Pro Class qualifying motos.

In seven qualifying motos for Pro 440, 600 and open, A.J. nailed four decisive victories handily beating every pro driver on multiple occasions. A.J. was so dominant, in a stacked qualifier featuring the fastest pro's, he simply pulled away and won by a convincing margin.

With the stage set for final round action, A.J. left the start in the Pro 600 final only to get tangled in a first turn melee. Not the least unnerved, A.J. was seventh after lap one. As the pack continued to sort out, A.J. advanced all the way to third by the checkers. No other Pro class rider matched A.J.'s 43 second lap times. Only a lack of laps kept him from winning the race.

After this ride, A.J. pounced into the lead, pulling away again from the best in the CSRA for the fourth time. In an unfortunate turn of events, as A.J. crossed the finish line and took the checkers, he impacted the gas cap on his sled, injuring his knee cap. Obviously, this precluded A.J. from racing the Pro Open and Pro 440 finals.

With a two-week lay-off and his knee healing, he will be working hard to get back to racing as soon as possible.



Darren Lum/TIMES

Take that

HHSS player Brandon Logan gets back in time to knock a Crestwood Mustangs forward off stride and away from the Red Hawks' net in last week's home game on Wednesday. Tied 3-3 with minutes left Joel Cooper was assessed a penalty and the Mustangs took advantage, scoring for the lead. Although the Red Hawks had a power play in the dying minutes, they were unable to score. HHSS were outshot 37 to 23 in the game. The loss forced a must-win situation against the Fenelon Falls Falcons the following night for a playoff berth. They tied 2-2 with two quick goals with less than three minutes left in the game and await the LCVI versus Kenner game on Monday night, Feb. 10 for their fate. Kenner must win for the Red Hawks to enter the playoffs. The Red Hawks finish the season with a 6-7-2 record.

Midgets await next round against Ennismore

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The next goal was a reverse as Cooper got the hat trick on a feed from Evan Kernohan.

The Wings did manage to get two goals as well to end the second period action at 5-2 for the Storm.

The third period got a little more physical with both teams taking some penalties. Scoring cooled down to one

goal for the Storm on a bullet slap shot from the point off the stick of Phil Greer which rattled off a couple of legs and then in the net.

Great discipline, hard work, strong defense and great goaltending by Jeremy Moynes, with an all around team effort won this series over a strong Schomberg team.

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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation got a \$5,000 cash infusion last week from the Canadian Automobiles Sport Clubs' Ontario Region. Funding for the sport is raised mostly by the racers and sponsors of the club. Extra money this year was earmarked for the HHHSF. "Minden is a great place to visit and a fun place to be," Club president John Bondar said before racing got underway Saturday morning. "We feel close to the community." The sport club has been racing in Minden for 26 years. Bondar said "We wanted to give something back to the area. It's reassuring to know that the hospital is here for us...knock on wood...if we ever need it." Holding the cheque from left to right are Steve Robson, ice director and Kinsmen Club member, Dale Walker, executive director of the HHHSF, John Bondar, president of the Canadian Automobiles Sport Clubs Inc., and Joanne Camelon, HHHSF secretary/treasurer. The 40 or so other people around the cheque are the racers who take part in the Minden ice races.

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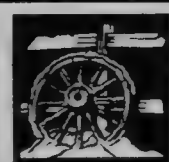
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Business bonspiel a fun time

A great time was had at the annual Business Persons Bonspiel held on February 1. Many thanks go out to all the businesses that donated prizes, to all the participants who came out to curl away the winter blahs and to Bill Roodenburg and Kyla Matheson for running such a great spiel.

Taking top honors were the "Haliburton Lakers": skip Ryan Cole, vice Jake Walker, second Darlene Hill and lead Curtis Greenham. Team "Stouffer Mills" placed second and Team "Franzen Family" was third.

If you would like to see some smashing curling you should stop at the club and cheer on the men in the annual Rock Buster this Friday Saturday and Sunday.

The following weekend is the HHHS fund-raising bonspiel. This is the spiel that everyone should be in as the proceeds go to our local health services. We all win when we support this event. If you would

like to curl in this spiel please check at the club for details. If you can not curl please come out and support the event any way you can. Hope to see you all there!

League scores for the week of January 27

Monday Night Ladies
Nancy Garbutt 6, Pat Woodcroft 5
Zelda Cooper 7, Melanie Vigrass 5
Linda Eaton 8, Pat Campbell 5

Tuesday Night Mens
Alf Trotter 9, Ed Cyr Jr 3
Dave Blakey 8, Peter McNeilage 3
Dan Garbutt 6, Rob Eaton 3
Don Ballantyne 7, Bill Roodenburg 4

Thursday Night Mixed
Fred Simmons 11, Harvey Kivela 5
Bruce Fisher 10, Bill Roodenburg 2
Jim Garbutt 10, Jack Taylor 1
Jim Pollard 9, Peter McNeilage 4

Friday Night Mixed
Doug Ray 10, Sherdon Kellett 1
Jake Walker 8, Brian Cross 0
Murray Cooper 11, Dan Garbutt 10
Cheryl Murdoch 10, Paul Prentice ?

Hummers win bowling tournament

Carnarvon bowling scores

Wednesday Afternoon League (February 5)

High average: Ken Thompson 216; Mona Benn 194
High single: John Pugh 272; Mona Benn 251
High single (handicap): Bev Hunt 298; Mona Benn 277
High triple: John Pugh 636; Mona Benn 637
High triple (handicap): Bev Hunt 719; Jacquie Chamberlain 726

Thursday Afternoon League (February 6)

High average: Ken Thompson 219; Shirley Webb 202
High single: Alf Briscoe 256; Lill Allen/Shirley Webb 228
High single (handicap): Alf

Briscoe 270; Lill Allen 291

High triple: Ken Thompson 658; Shirley Webb 608
High triple (handicap): Paul Cameron 703; Lorna Burtch 741

The Thursday Afternoon League team known as The Hummers won this year's Black Tower Tournament Award for the most points over average (1089). The team includes Doug Burtch, Barbara Gamble, Laura Carnegie, Betty Lockhart, Eleanor Bunker and Vern Chilton.

Minden Hills Lanes bowling scores (January 30)

Thursday Afternoon Seniors' High average: Mona Benn 195, Jim Cummings 216

High single: Eleanor Lymer 204, Walter Stegmaier 263
High single (handicap): Eleanor Lymer 261, Walter Stegmaier 276

High triple: Eleanor Lymer 488, Walter Stegmaier 619
High triple (handicap): Arlene Lowell 670, Wes Lowell 691

Legion 636 Mixed League (February 3)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 190; Pat Roussel 148
High single: Wally Oakley 203; Leitha Stearns 199
High single (handicap): Wally Oakley 264; Leitha Stearns 265
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 536; Leitha Stearns 530
High triple (handicap): Jim Smith 678; Leitha Stearns 728



Darren Lum/TIMES

In last Wednesday's Kwartha Championships at Glebe Park in Haliburton, HHSS Senior boy Josh Wales skates away from the start/finish line for the mixed relay team race. Wales, only in his first year of nordic skiing, earned eighth in the senior's race. HHSS Junior Myles Nicholson finished ninth and shared top spot with his junior teammates for the best Junior boys team at the championships.



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When can you contribute to your RRSP? If you want to deduct your RRSP contribution from your 2002 taxes, you must contribute by March 3, 2003 (March 1 falls on a Saturday, so the 2003 deadline is extended until the following Monday). To avoid those late-February line-ups, next year consider making a contribution each month.

How much money can you put into your RRSP?

"Generally speaking, you can contribute up to 18 percent of your

earned income in 2001 towards your 2002 RRSP to a maximum of \$13,500," says Rory O'Neill, a Chartered Accountant with McCarney Greenwood LLP in Brampton. However, this amount will be lower if you have any pension adjustment and past service pension adjustment, and it will be higher if you have any prior unused contribution room or a pension adjustment reversal. "Check your 2001 tax assessment notice from the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) to confirm your maximum contribution limit," suggests O'Neill. You can also call the CCRA directly at 1-800-267-6999 to check your contribution limit. If you call, you will be asked for your social insurance number, your month and year of birth, and the total income reported on line 150 of your 2001 return.

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Val Graham looks out at the frosted landscape and insists her heart is here at Canning Lake even if it means her body will have struggle more with Parkinson's to navigate the rugged landscape.

REACHING OUT

Interest grows in forming Parkinson's support group

by **SHERYL LOUCKS**
Times Staff

Married almost two years ago in front of the Canning Lake cottage where she spent her childhood playing and received her first kiss, Val Graham decided nine months ago to make it her permanent home despite her increasingly difficult fight with Parkinson's.

"We had a home in Guelph and couldn't afford to keep both places. But more importantly, this place has been my refuge through a horrendous divorce. I have so many happy memories here. I thought, 'Parkinson's be damned! I'm going to Canning Lake,'" she recalls.

Born a Loucks, her grandmother's property stretched for half a mile of Canning's shoreline. Her cousins still inhabit the cottages and parts of the family farm all around her. She has come to realize that the peace of mind of being surrounded by family and the serenity from the beauty of her surroundings are as equally important as the drugs she takes to keep her Parkinson's in control.

However, the move has meant sacrifices and Graham is suffering from cabin fever. She says it would be really beneficial to be able to attend a Parkinson's support

group. There is no such group in the county and only a caregiver's support group in Peterborough that her husband, Dave Graham, has attended.

Beth Archibald, a community health nurse with Haliburton Highlands Health Services, says she is hoping to change that. Archibald has heard from a few people in the last few months who would like to have a Parkinson's support group started. So she asked HHHS administration and received permission to help get such a group established with the aim of having it become self-sufficient.

"I've worked with people living with Parkinson's. It's a pretty devastating disease. I took the idea on and decided this was something I'd like to facilitate," says Archibald.

She also believes there is a significant number of people in the county with this degenerative neurological disease. Statistics suggest one in 300 Canadians have Parkinson's; extrapolate that ratio and there are likely about 60 individuals in Haliburton County with the disease. Archibald thinks the number is likely higher considering the higher-than-average percentage of seniors in the county.

Graham admits a support group was the last thing she wanted when she was diagnosed at the age of 46 in 1988. She had noticed she was losing her sense of smell, she

could hear her right foot was not hitting the ground in step with her left, and her writing lost the fluidity and curliness it once had. Until her daughter talked her into attending a support group meeting that by the time these symptoms manifested, she did not realize her body had already lost about 85 per cent of its dopamine-producing capabilities - Parkinson's had begun long before.

Parkinson's disease strikes by destroying the body's ability to produce dopamine, a natural chemical that carries signals between the nerves and the brains, controlling the body's movement. The loss of dopamine means muscles no longer do what you want them to, often causing tremors in the limbs.

Information about the disease, how it can affect people differently, and ways to manage the effects through medication, exercise and positive socialization is what Graham is now seeking from a support group. She also wants to encourage others, newly diagnosed or not, young or old, to come out.

"At that first meeting I saw people in wheelchairs and thought I don't want to look at that. That's not going to be me," she remembered. "I'm looking at things differently now. There is a lot to learn from those people and maybe I'd leave feeling less sorry for myself."

see *SOCIALIZATION* page 25



Martha Perkins/TIMES

Hearing a story about warm fuzzies prompted Farron Main to give his Grade 1 teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School, Pat Burke, a nice warm fuzzy in the shape of a hug. This Friday is Valentine's Day, a celebration of warm fuzzies the world over.

[ASES school council news]

ASES smiles

A successful night of family portraits could turn into annual event

by DENISE LEBLANC
Special to The Times

Our first meeting of the 2003 Archie Stouffer Elementary School Council was Thursday January 23. The following is a short update of the current issues and accomplishments to date.

A family portrait night was held at the school in November and by all accounts was a huge success. Thanks go out to Tracey Pratt for setting this up. All agreed that this could turn into an annual event.

The school raised \$424 by collecting used computer ink cartridges and submitting them for recycling. This money will go towards the next phase in the playground equipment fund. Please bring your used ink cartridges to the office, it helps us raise money for a worthy cause and saves the environment.

In a new study that Principal Rosie Kenney shared with us, it has been established that children become better and more avid readers if parents consistently read to their children during pregnancy, infancy and beyond. So come on parents, "get those books out."

In closing, remember if you need to get out of the house and into the community, there is no better way than by becoming a volunteer. It benefits you, the children and the community.

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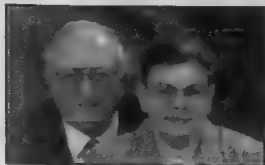
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President's Note

Our last several months have been very busy and, by all accounts, very successful. I'd like to thank the community and our growing membership for helping to keep us busy and successful.

We are currently developing the budget for our upcoming fiscal year and plan on an exciting year with several new initiatives and programs. Our finances are in excellent shape and we have worked hard to prove our fiscal responsibility to ourselves, to the county and to you - our members.

As always if you have any questions, concerns, ideas, please call us, fax us, e-mail us, but most

importantly TALK TO US. We are YOUR Chamber of Commerce.

Jim Henwood, President



Jim Henwood

Destination Guide

We are pleased to announce that the 2003 Destination Guide arrived right on target. In fact, it arrived one day earlier than planned!

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Wanted: Beds for Film Crew

Timbersport is one of this county's most unique and entertaining events. Hundreds of people spend the day - and their money - in the Highlands over the Timber sport weekend in early June.

This year, organizers have a terrific opportunity to have the event featured on TSN and then syndicated throughout the year. And the film crew needs a place to stay.

Offering the 5-person film crew complimentary accommodation will reflect really well on our community and provide a chance for your business to be in the rolling credits. And who doesn't want to

be thanked on millions of television screens around the nation?!

Here's what's needed: 3 singles for Friday, June 13, and 3 singles and a double for Saturday June 14.

If you can help, or want more details, please call Ted Anthon at 286-3756 or Peter Oyler at 286-4419.

Remember, we're all in this tourism business together, so lend a hand and help the Highlands shine!

The Highlands on CITY TV?

Speaking of TV, with the help of Highlands supporter Barry Nicholls, we were successful in getting the organizers of the Haliburton Dogsled Races on Breakfast TV to promote the race and it was a terrific day.

Tanya McCready was a great spokesperson for the race and the county - and the two Husky pups were a definite hit!

We placed the race logo on the county website homepage with a direct link to the race page, and then we had the county website and 800# scroll across the screen during the piece. The Information Centre phone was definitely ringing afterwards.

The Toronto Star, the Toronto Sun, 20/20 and CKVR attended the event, all due to Tanya's press releases being sent out by us, through our database. This is a great example of how partnership between event organizers and the Chamber can benefit the entire county.

Budget and plans

We are busily preparing the annual budget and Marketing Plan for the fiscal year 2003 - 2004. Our

finances are in good shape, membership has increased and we have successfully achieved most of what we set out to do this past year.

We say "most" because a couple of initiatives weren't undertaken as planned, however, we have either re-directed those funds to more relevant and beneficial projects or are holding them in reserve to apply to new initiatives.

All in all, it's been a tremendously successful year and we look forward to providing more and better services to our membership and to the county at large.

Suggestions welcome!

It's Showtime!

The Outdoor Adventure Show and the London Boat, Cottage and Fishing Show both take place on the weekend of February 22.

Tourism Ambassador Ann Lavery attends the London show on behalf of the county, while Carol Moffatt attends the outdoor show with paid partners. Both shows have proven highly successful in the past and we are pleased to again represent the tourism industry of the Haliburton Highlands. Volunteers are required for the London show, so if you can lend a hand, please call Ann at 286-1760 to find out more.

Everyone's favourite show, The Cottage Life Show gets underway on the weekend of March 28 and we are pleased to announce that our partner for this show is the Haliburton County Echo, long-time producers of "that thing they take to the Cottage Life Show."

Stay tuned for brochure requests.

OTMP Funding Delegation

The Ministry of Tourism has a funding program called the Industry Partnership Program (IPP) whereby partners across several regions have access to money for mutually-beneficial projects.

Through the Getaway Country Marketing Partnership to which we belong, we have recently made

application to the Ministry to receive funding for a series of initiatives including GTA radio and television coverage, specialty publications, and a media marketplace in Toronto.

If the Ministry approves the partnership there will be opportunity to buy-in, sponsor or provide in-kind assistance to these initiatives. Stay tuned.

Upcoming Tourism Workshop

We are on the planning team of one of five province-wide tourism workshops called "Beyond the City Lights".

The workshop is a must for anyone involved in tourism. Whether you are a business owner, attraction operator, event coordinator, or accommodations provider you won't want to miss this workshop.

The one-day session will provide you with valuable networking opportunities, practical tips and information on:

- How several entrepreneurs have turned their passion into successful tourism businesses (featuring our very own Peter Schlieffenbaum of the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve)

- The latest tourism trends and how they affect your business

- How business operators and special event organizers can work together to create, link and add value to local tourism experiences

- Staging community events, attracting visitors and how both your business and community can benefit from hosting special events.

The workshop is on February 18th 2003 from 9 - 4 at Sir William Mackenzie Inn, Kirkfield. Registration is \$50 and includes lunch, refreshment breaks and resources. Registration deadline: February 10, 2003.

Register by calling 1-877-424-1300 or visiting the website at: www.gov.on.ca/OMAF and clicking through Business Development and then Conference.

New Membership

The HHCC recently became an Industry Member of the Travel Media Association of Canada.

Our intent is to foster better relationships with travel writers and provide story ideas, accommodation and, if necessary, personal tours. Most media members are freelance writers who sell their work to a variety of publications.

We intend to offer story ideas to the association and there hopefully will be opportunity to host writers throughout the community.

If you're interested in being on a list or knowing about the ops, please let us know.

AUDITION CALL

The Highlands Summer Festival

general auditions

for its 2003 Season will be held on Sunday, February 16 at 2:00 or 7:00 p.m. and Monday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

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Socialization helps to boost spirits and compare stories

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Graham herself has picked up valuable knowledge she would like to share such as using music to give her an unbelievable boost when her body feels like it is about to give out. She would like to meet someone who enjoys taking shopping trips as much as she does. Graham is also hoping to learn of volunteer opportunities where she could share her skills such as teaching someone the needle craft arts she knows.

Graham is also hoping to meet others with Parkinson's she can vent with, people who will understand the frustration of suddenly not being able to walk the few steps from her favourite chair in the sitting room to the kitchen.

It is a frustration June Mathews knows well. Her mother was

diagnosed with Parkinson's while she was in her 80s and lived with the disease until she passed away at the age of 94. Five months ago Mathews was diagnosed as also having Parkinson's.

She feels very isolated with this disease. She says her positive experience with the local diabetes support group has taught her how such groups can give you motivation to pursue proper exercise, nutrition and a more positive mind-set.

"The socialization helps more than you would expect. You end up laughing and talking and feeling so much better," says Mathews, in a voice that is quieter and softer since the onset of Parkinson's.

She added she does not like phoning the doctors constantly to ask what to expect next or about every little thing but would appreciate having a group to talk to about these things.



Val Graham has picked up valuable information that she would like to share with other people.

Dashing hero required to save damsel in distress

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The Highlands Summer Festival is looking for individuals to do all these things and more as it prepares for the 2003 live theatre season. These are just three of 15 parts waiting to be cast following an open audition process scheduled for February 16 and 17. The audition call is for both men and women from the ages of late teens to over 60.

"We have a variety of roles to fill," production consultant David Phillips said. "This is a great opportunity for experienced and aspiring actors to become involved in a live theatre production." The

Festival will be presenting two comedies this summer, *Cookin' With Gus* directed by Donna Gagnon and *The Mumberley Inheritance* directed by Doug Brohm," co-producer Betty Mills explained. "The third production is a thought-provoking drama directed by David Phillips called *Painting Churches*. All three productions offer interesting and challenging parts for those who enjoy being on stage." The Festival also includes the traditional classical music concert featuring Lauren McInnes, Tom Regina and Melissa Stephens. The concert this year is entitled ARTS 9-1-1.

The audition packages for the three plays, which include general instructions

as well as a monologue which the actors will present at the audition, are currently available at the Storeroom in Minden or Cranberry Cottage Country Store in Haliburton. Copies of the package are also available electronically by requesting one at <jack@kevker.com>.

This will be the fourth season for the Highlands Summer Festival and follows on the heels of the successful six week run last year. "We attracted an average of 77% attendance over our 29 performances last summer," co-producer Jack Brezina explained. "That was as good as the year before and is indicative of the continuing support the Festival receives from its patrons." That support has spilled over to

the coming season as well. Brezina reports that the sale of season passes during the Christmas period was well ahead of last year. "The theatre patrons are obviously eager for the next season to begin, and for many of those involved, the audition later this month is really the start of the process that culminates with the opening night curtain."

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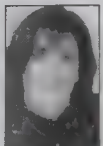
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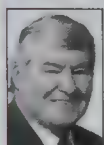
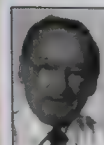
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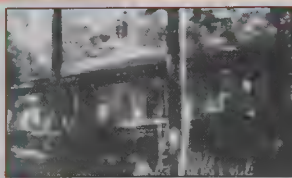


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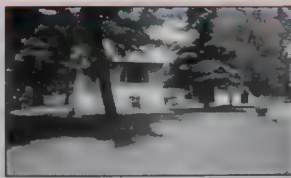
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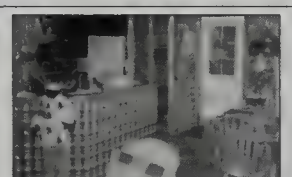
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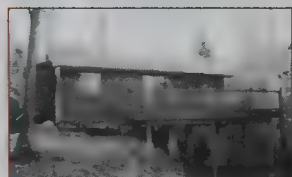
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AROUND THE TOWN

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What starts out simply as a hobby, a nice way to relax in the evening can, without anyone realizing, blossom into a full blown obsession. My friends, I speak not of tobacco, gambling or drink, but the demon knitting. Usually I pass when it comes to magazine quizzes but this time Family Circle's "Easy Knitting" survey proved too tempting. My score of 12/17 fell into the "Borderline Knitaholic" category. Of the questions listed here are my three favourites. On arriving in an unfamiliar city do you immediately search the Yellow Pages for a nearby yarn store? When planning a family vacation are your first thoughts about what knitting projects you'll take? Do you hide your yarn stash from your family?

Historically, many of the 352 Icelanders who arrived in Kinmount in 1874 knitted, but not as a pastime. A year later they left that ill-fated settlement relocating in "New Iceland" in the District of Keewatin, NWT. and founding the community of Gimli, Manitoba.

In his book "Independent People" Laxness describes an Icelandic family's knitting as "not merely a way of life, it was a means of it." Warm socks and mitts were eagerly received by the Keewatin native people, trading in return animal hides and fish. For the Icelandic settlers knitting became a major means of survival.

Now, reflecting back on my knitaholic status, I am obviously in desperate need of a support group. Gee, come to think of it maybe we could get started working on an afghan together. I had better go check my hidden yarn stash.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services "Focus Group" hosted by the Galway and Area Ratepayers Association Inc. proved to be very productive. On Wednesday, February 19 GARAI will host a "Fraud Prevention Seminar" of particular relevance to Seniors at the Galway Hall from 10 a.m. to noon. The facilitator will be OPP Constable Jackie Baddaoui. All are welcome to attend and learn how to protect themselves against this growing area of criminal activity. For more information contact Bruce at 488-2938.

Speaking of Health Services, we delivered Valentine Bravery Bears, made by members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild, to the Emergency Department at the Minden Hospital. Comments at the Focus Group were extremely positive about both the Minden and Haliburton sites, their services and, in particular, their caring staff. Our communities are most fortunate. Ongoing recruit-

ment efforts to attract new physicians need our support. Word of mouth often proves to be the best form of advertising.

Another valuable resource to a community is its Library. The Kinmount Branch, City of Kawartha Lakes Library Services, offers access to free public Internet, email, the Library data base and the Canadian Reference Centre. Two workshops are being offered to assist readers in using these resources on Tuesday, February 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Saturday, February 22 from 1-4 p.m. Instruction will be on an individual basis and there is no cost to participate. For more information call/leave a message at the Library at 488-3199.

Haliburton County Home Support Services offers an impressive variety of social/recreational programs and special services including a daily security check phone call to seniors 55+ and physically disabled adults living in that County. For specific information call 457-2941.

Due to the weather conditions, all Tuesday regular events were postponed. Here is the Scoring News with your usual reminder to keep busy and well. They go together.

Wednesday, January 29 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Top spot in north/south went to Stella McMillan and Ross Davies 59%, with Maria and Nick Lehoczy 51% second. For east/west with 56% Ev and Fred Vanderland were first, followed by Joan Galley and Vic Mathews 53%.

Thursday, January 30 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Verna McDonald and Jim Bradbury won for ladies/men most lone hands, while Esther Lee and Marcel Roussel took the high score honours. Low scores for the evening went to Carol Hill and Georgina Parks. Other prize winners were Marie Dennie, Flo Roussel, Laura Carnegie, Don Burch and our reporter May Bradbury.

Friday, January 31 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: The single moonshot was recorded by Pat Scadden, while Gayle McConnell led the pinks with 210, followed by Jean Scadden 208 and Marion Farr 206. Dick Coffey took top spot for the white cards with 200, then Peter Farr 189 and Bob McConnell 180. Hidden scores were discovered by Barb Robitaille and Chris Clarke.

Friday, January 31 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: With 58% it was Stella McMillan and Ross Davies first in north/south, then Harold Cox partnered with Ross Fletcher second at 54%. Don Mills and Bill

Sandford led in east/west with 65%, while the duos of Ev and Fred Vanderland and Ev Morgan and Freda Norman tied for second at 49%.

Saturday, February 1 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: Congratulations to our reporter Ruth Kellett for her first place standing with 308 points. Ray Moore was second at 296. The hidden score holders were Bill Van Dyke, Sharon Evans and Elli Langpohl, while Jean Scadden, Milton Fletcher and Barb Robitaille recorded the moonshots.

Monday, February 3 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: In the lone hands department ladies/men it was Fern Donnelly and Ed Hisson. High scores went to Don Hicks and Pearl Cowen, while Lorna Hicks and Norm Lee had the lows. Draw winners Verna McDonald and Gwen Cox consoled Bill Mosley and Mabel Deacon on their visit from a furry critter, reminding them at least it wasn't Wiarton Willie who dropped by.

Monday, February 3 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Ken Wallace reports that Grace Berardi held the most lone hands and Barb Robitaille took home the baloney. High score honours went to Jean Randell for the ladies and Stan Dutka for the gents, while Kay Orr and Alvin Cowen had the lows for the evening.

Monday, February 3 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: The high score was recorded by Norm Lee, while Cecil Smith had the low. Elda Henderson had the most lone hands and our reporter Idella Gault was the lucky winner of the special award.

Monday, February 3 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score honours went to Theresa Deak, with Isobel Cherwenka second. Moonshots were recorded by Esther Lee, Kevin Maloney, Marjorie Paradis, Mildred St. Thomas and Vic Ballik, while Idella Gault and Barb Dunbar won the draws.

Wednesday, February 5 bid euchre at Stanhope: There was a celestial shower of moonshots landing on Jack Cox, Howard Smith, Alf Helleman, Dick Coffey, Pat Scadden, Rob Evans, Helen Henderson, Ken Wallace and Margaret and Milton Fletcher. For the pinks it was Willie Cox first with 286, followed by Gala Stamp 283 and Pearl Foster 273. Top spot for the white cards went to Dick Coffey 258, then Len Kroes 251 and Garth Windsor 249.

see COMPETITION page 28

NOTICES



Township of Algonquin Highlands

The Township of Algonquin Highlands is now hiring for the position of Summer Recreation Coordinator. The successful applicant will be responsible for helping to develop and deliver programs throughout the township. The position is part-time for 7 weeks beginning April 14 and full-time for 13 weeks beginning June 2. Please forward resume to: The Township of Algonquin Highlands, Recreation Dept., Box 99, Dorset, ON. POA 1E0. Phone 705-766-9968, Fax 705-766-9688, E-mail drc@vianet.on.ca Only those being interviewed will be contacted.



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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton, that Application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario for special legislation stating that the *Homes for the Aged and rest Homes Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.H.13, as amended*, does not apply to the Corporation of the County of Haliburton.

This Application will be considered by the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills. Any person who has an interest in the Application and who wishes to make submissions for or against the Application, to the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills should notify, in writing, the Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Legislative Building, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario, M7A 1A2.

DATED at the County of Haliburton this 3rd day of February, 2003.

THE CORPORATION OF THE
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Per: Gary King
Chief Administrative Officer

Competition gets fierce at Park Lane

from page 27

Wednesday, February 5 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton: Ross Fletcher reports an afternoon of very competitive play with no more than a 7% spread between the highest and lowest scores. North/south winners were Ev Morgan and Bill Sandford 53%, with the teams of Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher and Gladys Fugar partnered with Norma Crewson tied for second with 52%. Jacqueline and Kelly Metcalf led in east/west with 54% followed by Freda Norman and Vic Mathews 52%.

Wednesday, February 5 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: The ladies/men's high scores were a family affair with Mildred and Bill St. Thomas doing the honours. Bill also won for most lone hands. Marg Viney and Roger Fournier recorded the evening lows but Marg's luck changed with her winning the special draw prize.

January will be remembered as a 'very cold' month

by PHIL GRAHAM
Special to The Times

Minden and area weather for January 2003

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Average high -7.0 19.4
Average low -17.1 1.2
Average for the month -12.0 10.4
Average for last January -3.9 24.9
Highest temperature Jan. 8 1.5 34.7
Lowest temperature Jan. 27 -35.5 -32.0
Snow 85 cm 33.4 in.
Total precipitation 85 cm 33.4 in.
Total precipitation for last Jan. 67.8 cm 26.6 in.
Snow on ground Jan. 31 43.0 cm 18.0 in.

Snow on ground last Jan. 31 22.0 cm 8.6 in.
Total snowfall Nov. 1 to Jan. 31 199 cm 78.3 in.
Days mostly sunny 9
Days with snow or rain 20
Days with freezing rain 1

January has finished and we had lots of action. It was a very cold month with plenty of snow. We didn't even have a January thaw.

The average temperature was below the normal and much colder than last January - 6.1 C (14.5 F) colder!

There seemed to be no end to the snow. The heavier falls were January 3 to 10, adding depth to the November 25 storm. The rest happened nearly every day in January, with one to three inches. It all added up to 85 centimetres or 33.4 inches.

When you read this report in February (a short month) hopefully a more moderate month is on the way.

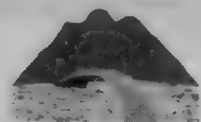
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The successful applicant must have and be able to demonstrate:

- A good understanding of Water and Waste Water and Environmental functions within the Municipality.
- The ability to interpret Environmental Studies and Water and Waste Water Assessments.
- A good understanding of and the ability to interpret policies, regulations, legislation and guidelines relating to all functions.
- Excellent supervisory skills and be competent in the interpretation and application of employment policies, including the ability to administer and interpret collective agreements.
- Strong communication and inter-personal skills as they deal with a wide variety of individuals and groups on a regular basis.
- Excellent planning/time management and organizational skills.
- Possession of a DZ licence would be an asset.

The position requires a minimum of five years experience in a similar progressively responsible related position.

Compensation of the position will be commensurate with experience and qualifications. A comprehensive benefit package will be available.

Qualified candidates are invited to submit a resume in confidence, clearly marked "Environmental and Property Operations Manager," by 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5, 2003 to Township of Minden Hills, P.O. Box 359, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0. Attention: Mr. G.M. Morrison, e-mail: gerrymorrison@county.haliburton.on.ca. Telephone: (705) 286-1260. Fax: (705) 286-4917.

Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.



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IS IT OUT ON TIME?

- Always have your garbage and recycling out by 7:00 am. The truck may not always come at the same time every week and your collection will only be guaranteed if it is out before 7:00 am.
- Due to unexpected winter conditions your collection may be delayed.

IS IT CONTAINED?

- Your garbage is your responsibility until it is collected. If animals are getting into your garbage please use a plastic or metal garbage container to keep them out.
- Snow around garbage boxes must be cleared.
- Garbage that is frozen in your container will not be removed by the waste collectors.

IS IT VISIBLE?

- Make sure that your garbage and recycling containers are not in the path of the snow plough, but are still visible from the road. Please do not tuck materials behind or on a large snow bank.
- White or clear bags are very difficult or impossible for the drivers to see against the snow, please use coloured bags during the winter season.

For more information please call the your local Municipal Service Centre, 1-888-822-2225 or 324-9411.



We are moving...

The Township Municipal office and Council Chamber presently located in Buckhorn will be moving into a new municipal building at 701 County Road #36, which is just west of Crowe's Line/ Kens Road.

The Township office in Buckhorn will be closing on Friday afternoon February 21, 2003 and the new office will open for business on Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 8:30 a.m.

The address for the new facility is:

Telephone numbers are:

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The first regular Council meeting in the new municipal office will be Tuesday, March 4, 2003 and every 2nd Tuesday thereafter.

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DORSET NEWS

Melissa Alfano

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"The man who removed the mountain began by carrying away small stones." Chinese Proverb

Get well wishes for a speedy recovery to Olga Cunningham after her surgery from all her family and friends.

A new 10-week Yoga Session at the Dorset Recreation Centre started Friday, February 7. Join Pat Stegmaier for an integrated approach to yoga, using the breath and body alignments with an emphasis on deep relaxation. Pat's approach is ideal for those with chronic pain or fibro myalgia. The cost is \$85 for 10 weeks and registration is required by calling 766-9968.

Free computer and Internet lessons are available most evenings at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Call 766-9968

to set up an appointment: Brought to you by the Dorset Community Access Program.

The 13th Annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival is set for Friday and Saturday, February 14 and 15. Friday night kick starts the Carnival with a Family Skating Party from 6 to 8 p.m., complete with a clown, face painting and refreshments on sale by the Dorset Rec Centre Committee. At 8 p.m. the Adult Broomball Tournament begins. The games are 15 minutes in length, with teams of six (one girl minimum per team on the ice at all times). You can register a team by calling Joe Alfano at 766-0076 or just show up to join a team. Participation in the skating party and the broomball tournament requires a Snowball Button available for \$3 from local merchants or the Rec Centre. Watch for next week's Dorset News for exciting highlights of Saturday's events or check out www.dorsetsnowball.com

H.H. When you finish paying off a loan, keep making the payments, only this time to a savings account. You'll be surprised how fast it will build up to enable you to buy something special or go on a trip.

To submit something for the Dorset news send e-mail to melalfano@hotmail.com, stop by the Dorset Recreation Centre or call at 766-0076.

Contractor and cottager fined \$1,000

An Ingersoll man and his contractor have been fined \$1,000 for unlawfully dredging shorelands on a lake in Peterborough County.

John Dix, 71 of Ingersoll, Allen Mansell, 39, of Buckhorn, have pleaded guilty under the Public Lands Act to unlawfully dredging shorelands in violation of a work permit and its conditions.

Court was told that a Ministry of Natural Resources Minden Area Conservation Officer saw an excavator dredging shorelands on Mississauga Lake on September 9, 2002. The MNR had issued a work permit for dredging, but one of the conditions of the permit was for the use of a Geotextile/filter cloth around the work area to prevent erosion of silts and sediments into the lake. That filter cloth was not in place.

Justice of the Peace William Jacklin heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice in Peterborough on January 16.

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Day of health and financial wellness hits Minden area

by LINDA ROBITAILLE AND GAYLE CLEMENTS
Special to The Times

Mark Wednesday, February 25th, on your calendar and plan on attending a Health and Financial Wellness Day, to be held at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Building, Minden Facility, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We encourage the subjects that interest you. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide refreshments. Please call Linda or Gayle at 286-1521 to register. We have arranged for some great presenters to speak on matters such as:

- Feeling Good At Any Age
- Diabetes Awareness & Prevention
- Tax Tips, Canada Customs and Revenue Agency
- Mutual Funds, RRSPs and RIFs
- Savvy Soup Class
- Alzheimer's Disease: Not a Normal Part of Aging
- Introduction to Tai Chi

Watch for the day's agenda, which will be advertised in another edition of this paper.

Rental Housing Tribunal Services

The provincial agency responsible for resolving disputes between landlords and tenants is increasing its accessibility by offering services through the Government Information Centres. Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal services are now available at the Minden centre. Tenants and landlords can collect and drop off applications related to tenant-landlord issues. If you have questions about residential tenancies you may contact the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal at: 1-888-332-3234 or visit their web site at: www.orht.gov.on.ca.

Income Tax

A variety of guides and tax forms are now available at our office:

- RRSPs and Other Registered Plans for Retirement
- Capital Gains
- T3 Guide and Trust Return
- Preparing Returns for Deceased Persons
- General Information Concerning People with

Disabilities

- Employment Expenses
- Employer's Guide: Payroll Deductions (Basic Information)
- General Information for GST/HST Registrants
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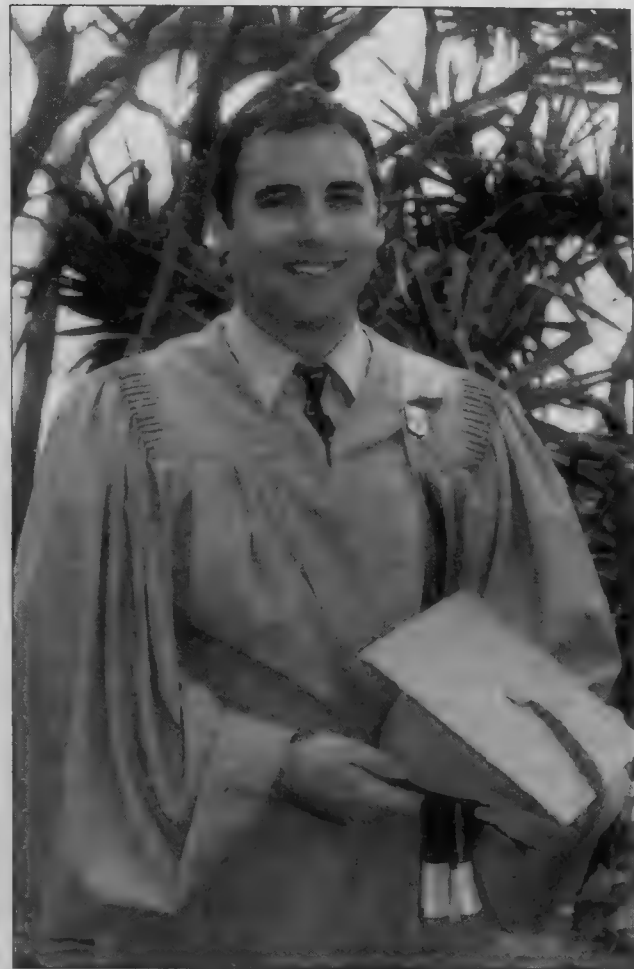
The Canada Customs and Revenue Agency offers free volunteer tax training sessions to individuals and community organizations and provides volunteers with a kit of handy reference material. If you have any experience in completing tax returns and you are interested in learning how you can help, please call Canada Customs and Revenue Agency at 1-800-959-8281 or contact Gayle or Linda at 286-1521.

Business

We have two new business publications in stock: "Small Business Guide to the Most Frequently Asked Tax Questions" and "Employer Health Tax: Guide for Employers". New "Business Start-Up Kits" have also arrived.

Where To Find Us

For those who don't already know, the Government Information Centre is located in Hwy 35, in Minden. We are housed in the same building as the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ontario Provincial Police. Our business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. You can reach us by calling 705-286-1521, ask for Linda or Gayle.



Buchanan Graduation

Kevin Buchanan of Minden has graduated with his Masters of Teaching Degree from Griffins University in Queensland, Australia. He is currently teaching Grade 7 at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton. Proud parents are Ron and Denise Buchanan of Minden.



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 always been there for us. We
 thank Barry, Mike and Kirsten
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 ry of our dear Mother, grand-
 mother and great grandmother,
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 and missed always, **Valerie,**
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 ry.
 In my heart your memory ling-
 ers
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 There's not a day dear mother
 That I do not think of you. **Love**
Nancy

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DAVID, JOSEPH SKINNER
 After a brief illness,
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Haliburton Hospital
on February 6, 2003
at the age of 63

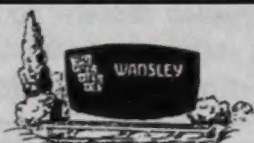
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 to Jordan, Jason, Jeff and
 Mark. Dave leaves behind
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 Canadian Legion, Branch #636
 Minden, plus numerous friends.
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 will be best remembered for his
 sense of humour. He estab-
 lished the Skinner School of
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 was a founder of the Lochlin
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 sorely missed by many. Friends
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 ion/Memorial Service was held
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- **Join the Walking Club**, week day morning walks sponsored by the Haliburton Chapter of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. In Minden, people can walk from 7:30 - 8:15 a.m. at Archie Stouffer Elementary School. For more information call Morris Duff at 286-6079.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
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- **Haliburton County Home Support** has an ongoing Treasure Table in the Drop in Centre. Drop by with your change and check out our table. We appreciate any donations towards our table...please no clothing. For more info call 705-457-2941.
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- **February 7 to April 11:** Yoga with Pat Stegmaier at the Dorset Rec Centre. Fridays 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Registration required, call 766-9968 in at the Rec Centre. Please bring a blanket. Also, bring your yoga mat if you have one.
- **February 11:** Community Policing Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. For more info call 705-766-9968 or e-mail drc@vianet.on.ca
- **February 11:** Basic Rescuer Recertification. Learn and save a life. For more information and registration phone 324-1656
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- **February 12:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group for their Wednesday meeting. Speaker Lori Roberts of Photo Solutions will explain her new computer technology. Doors open 6 p.m. Meeting at 7. Bring & Win Raffle; Coffee and Valentine Cookies. Everyone welcome. For more information call Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225.
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- **February 15:** Snowshoeing- Discover an ancient craft that is fun and oh so easy to learn -no complicated equipment, no fancy footwork. if you enjoy hiking, you'll love snowshoeing. Held at Camp Kandalore. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or email info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **February 15:** Environment Haliburton meeting at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Minden United Church. All welcome. For more information call 489-1977.
- **February 17:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups: We are holding informal support meetings. You are welcome to attend. Bring your concerns. We will bring the refreshments. **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.** 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Extendicare in Haliburton. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Alzheimer Office Adult Child Group in Haliburton. Please contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
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- **February 19:** DivorceCare Recovery seminar and Support Group. Meets at Lakeside baptist Church in Haliburton on Wednesdays, beginning February 19th, starting at 7 p.m. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing Your Anger", "Facing Your Loneliness", "Depression", "New Relationships", "Kidcare" and "Forgiveness". For more information or to register, please call Lakeside Tuesdays to Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 457-2851.
- **February 19:** Women's Institute of Minden invite you to our meeting to be held at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30 p.m. Our subject will be business. We look forward with anticipation as we will have the owner of a local Bed & Breakfast coming to speak to us.
- **February 20:** Haliburton 50+ Club welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion hall for our next meeting. This is a smoke free environment. this month we will have a guest speaker and our annual book sale. Please bring any good books that others may enjoy. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members and guests welcome. If attending, please let Mary or Brian know by Tuesday, February 18th. Call 754-3319.
- **February 22:** Kicksledding- The Scandinavian kicksled has been used for hundreds of years. Rediscover a sport that is one part functional transportation - three parts wicked fun. You won't be disappointed. held at YMCA Camp Wanakita. For more information or to register, contact Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network at (705) 286-1760 or 1-800-461-7677 or e-mail at info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **February 24:** Learn how to make homemade playdough at the C.H.A.C.E. Family Resource Centre (Minden) at 11 a.m. Everyone gets a bag to take home! Call 286-1770 for more information.
- **February 27:** Notice of Annual General Meeting: Friends of St. Stephen's Heritage Church (Boskung) Inc. Stanhope Community Centre at 7:30 p.m. Please make an effort to attend this meeting. All welcome!

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands.

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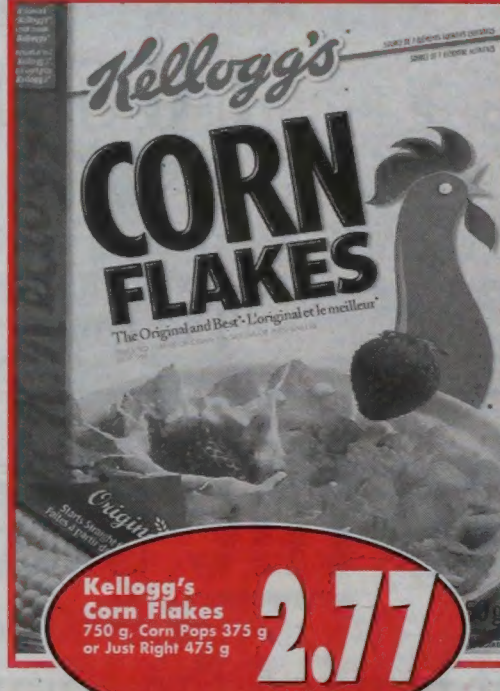


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